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MARYLAND GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1780.

MADRID, *August* 29.

A LIST of the veſſels which have been taken, on the 9th inſt. by the combined fleets of France and Spain, under the command of Don Louis de Cordova, being near the whole of a fleet which ſailed from Portſmouth on the 19th of July, under convoy of the Romulus, of 74 guns, and the two frigates Thetis and Southampton, of 36 guns each; theſe having the advantage of the wind, and being in the rear of the fleet, made their eſcape. The prizes have all anchored in Cadiz bay, on the 20th of this month. This account is ſent from ſea to court.

It is to be obſerved, that of this fleet, only 8 or 10 were of 200 tons burthen; the generality about 300 tons, ſeveral of 400, and the Indiamen, with two more, about 700 tons.

Five more of the convoy have been taken and carried into Alexerias, by Don Antonio Barcelo's fleet, they were bound to Gibraltar, and loaded with proviſions. It is ſuppoſed that this fleet, though not ſo numerous as ſome, is the richeſt that have ſailed from England for ſome years paſt.

Ship Godfrey, Eaſt-Indiaman, her cargo cloathing for the troops, ammunition, &c. with effects uſually ſent to the Eaſt-Indies, 28 guns, 100 men, 5 officers, 70 ſoldiers, 10 women, and 35 paſſengers. Ship Hetſbreck, Eaſt-Indiaman, her cargo ammunition and goods, 30 guns, 130 men. Ship Gatton, Eaſt Indiaman, her cargo ammunition, and all kinds of goods proper for St. Helena and Bencoulen markets, whither ſhe was bound, 28 guns, 122 men, 17 ſoldiers, 5 women, 10 paſſengers. Ship Royal George, Eaſt-Indiaman, her cargo ammunition and goods for Madraſs, and other factories, 28 guns, 107 men, 3 officers, 69 ſoldiers, 5 women and 13 paſſengers. Ship Mount Steward, Eaſt-Indiaman, her cargo ammunition and effects proper for the Indies, bound to Bengal, 28 guns, 100 men, 70 ſoldiers, 6 women, 24 paſſengers. Ship Ellis, her cargo proviſions for the fleet in America, 18 guns, 33 men. Ship Catharine, her cargo goods and 50 barrels of powder, for Barbados, 14 men, 1 officer, 4 women, 5 paſſengers. Ship Riters, her cargo, flour, bread, beef, pulſe, and made rigging, for the iſlands, 8 men. Ship Sandwich, her cargo proviſions of all kinds for Barbados, 19 men. Ship Mary, her cargo beef, pork, flour, cordage, anchors, and other effects for the king, for St. Kitts, 16 men. Ship Achilles, her cargo beef, pork, flour, liquors, pulſe, &c. for Madeira and Euſtatius, 11 men. Ship Houghton, her cargo 2700 barrels of powder, and various goods for the Weſt-Indies, 80 men, 150 ſoldiers. Ship Suſanna, her cargo proviſions of all kinds, for the Weſt-Indies, 14 men. Ship Jupiter, her cargo bread and all kinds of proviſions, for Barbados, 16 men. There is a ſmall box on board, ſealed up ſaid to be worth 1200 guineas. Ship Siſter, her cargo beef, pork, flour, pulſe, and other proviſions, for the iſlands, 23 men. Ship Rodney, her cargo proviſions, cordage and powder, for the Weſt-Indies, 12 men. Ship Eliſa, her cargo beef, pork, flour, and all kinds of proviſions, for St. Lucia, 21 men. Ship Betſey, her cargo beef, flour, and all ſorts of goods for Jamaica, 22 men. Ship Larvin Galus, her cargo duck, cables, cordage, flour, and other proviſions, for St. Kitts. Ship Aurora, her cargo flour, bread, and all ſorts of proviſions, for the iſlands, 14 men, 2 paſſengers. Ship William, her cargo proviſions of all ſorts, for the iſlands, 24 men. Ship John, her cargo proviſions of all ſorts, for the iſlands, 13 men, 1 woman, 1 paſſenger. Ship French, her cargo proviſions, for St. Lucia, 15 men. Ship Charming, her cargo proviſions of all ſorts, for the iſlands, 15 men. Ship Lion, her cargo proviſions, rum and goods, for Jamaica, 18 men, 7 officers, 153 ſoldiers, 25 women, 19 paſſengers. Ship Fanny, her cargo powder, beer, and various ſorts of proviſions for Jamaica and Antigua, 18 men. Ship Martha, her cargo proviſions, dry goods, and tools for the plantations, for St. Kitts. Ship Friend, her cargo bread, and all ſorts of tools for the plantations, for St. Kitts. Ship Colhoun, her cargo flour, mules, bread, tools for the plantations, cloathing for the ſlaves and a quantity of goods, for St. Kitts. Ship Claradon, her cargo tools for the plantations, and a quantity of goods, for St. Kitts, 150 ſoldiers. Ship Lord North, her cargo proviſions, for Rodney's fleet, 20 men. Ship Falony Tanter, her cargo proviſions, for Jamaica, 20 men. Ship George Tanter, her cargo cloathing and proviſions, for St. Lucia, 58 men, 2 officers, 64 ſoldiers, 4 paſſengers. Ship Anne Suſannah, her cargo goods, for Jamaica, 38 men, 2 officers, 64 ſoldiers, 4 paſſengers. Ship Charlotte, her cargo proviſions and ſea-coal, for St. Lucia, 58 men, 2 officers, 64 ſoldiers, 4 paſſengers. Brig England, her cargo proviſions and ſea-coal, for St. Lucia, 58 men, 2 officers, 64 ſoldiers, 4 paſſengers. Brig Fanny, her cargo proviſions, beer and iron hoops, for New-York, 10 men, 2 paſſengers. Brig John, her cargo beef, pork, flour, wheat, ſtraw, and other effects for the king, for St. Euſtatia, 14 men. Brig Mercury, her cargo beef, pork, bread, flour, and pulſe, for the king, for Jamaica, 9 men. Brig Enterprize, her cargo pulſe, flour, bread and lime, for the iſlands, 10 men. Brig Three Siſters, her cargo wheat, anchors, butter and oyl, for Madeira, where ſhe was to take in wine, and proceed with the reſt of her cargo to Quebec, 10 men, 1 paſſenger. Brig Lark, her cargo tallow, beef, pork, flour and dry goods, for the iſlands, 13 men, 1 paſſenger. Brig John Tan, her cargo proviſions, for Jamaica, 9 men. Brig Elizabeth, her cargo wine, for St. Euſtatia, 11 men. Packet Dantzick, for the king, her cargo cloathing for 10 or 12 regiments, beſides cordage, and duck, for the fleet in America, 20 men, 4 officers, 19 ſoldiers, 2 women, 1 paſſenger. Packet Vigilent, her cargo goods for Jamaica, 18 men. Packet Brilliant, her cargo proviſions, and cordage, for the iſlands, 16 men. Packet Lady Anſtail, her cargo proviſions, for Barbados, 10 men. Hero, her cargo gunpowder, dry clothes and other effects for Bengal. Lambro, her cargo beef and other proviſions, for America. St. Traxis, her cargo beef and pork, and other proviſions, for Barbados. Morrant, her cargo effects for Jamaica, 6 officers, 180 ſoldiers. Ship Hercules, her cargo maſts, cordage, and other neceſſaries for men of war, bound to Jamaica, 36 men. Ship Charlotte, her cargo goods, and the family of the governor of Jamaica, was on board, 14 men. Total, 160 guns, 1256 men, 26 officers, 875 troops, 58 women, 116 paſſengers, and 54 veſſels.

RICHMOND, *Nov.* 18.

On the 1ſt of October, major Joſeph Cloyd of Montgomery, marched from the lead mines, with 140 militia, with orders to join colonels Campbell, Shelby, and Cleveland. He marched the neareſt rout through the mountains to Wilk's court-houſe, in North-Carolina, and there received certain intelligence of a large body of tories being embodied, who were plundering over the buſhy mountains, on the waters of the Catawba river. Upon which he detached about 48 of the beſt of his light horſe, of which he took the command, and purſued the enemy, and overtook and routed them on Gunpowder creek, about 20 miles below Burk court-houſe, here he was detained one day for his infantry, and on receiving certain accounts of the ſucceſs of our troops on King's mountain, and hearing that a number of tories from ſeveral counties had embodied in Surry, he called his officers together, who unanimouſly agreed to return with a view to rout this party. They then proceeded by forced marches to Surry (being joined by captain Lewis with 30 men) and fell in with the enemy on the 14th of October, about two miles from the Shallow ford of the Yadkin, conſiſting by all accounts, of at leaſt 300 men, commanded by the arch tory colonel Hezekiah Wright. An action enſued, which continued very warm and general for about half an hour, when the enemy retreated with precipitation and in great diſorder being purſued near a mile. They left 16 dead on the field and 8 or 10 priſoners were taken, moſt of whom were wounded. It is believed a number of the enemy were wounded, as a great deal of blood was ſeen in the way the ſeveral diſperſed parties retreated, and ſundry dead bodies were found ſome days after in the woods, excluſive of the above number. Amongſt the enemy killed, was captains Burk and Bryan; of major Cloyd's party, captain Francis. Wounded, captain Pearis, lieutenant Ward, and 3 privates, but not mortally. A few days after the battle, a number of the tories that was concerned, ſurrendered themſelves to the officers of Surry county. The officers and ſoldiers of the Montgomery militia behaved well.

By advice from Newport-news of the 22d inſt. we are informed, that the veſſels of the enemy were all under ſail except one, which appeared to be getting under weigh and ſtanding down the bay.

By a gentleman juſt from the ſouthern army we are informed, that on the 9th inſtant, part of colonel Tarliton's legion under the command of major Weims, attempted to ſurpriſe general Sumpter, on the ſouth of the Waterre, but was repulſed with the loſs of 12 privates killed, and 22 taken priſoners (together with the major who had his thigh broke) with a number of very valuable horſes, arms, accoutrements, &c.

TRENTON, *Nov.* 22.

A New-York paper of the 15th inſt. mentions the arrival of 54 of the Corke fleet at that port—the capture of the Duke D'Artois, a French ſhip of 64 guns, the day after the fleet left Corke, by the Beneficent, one of the convoy—and the loſs of one of the fleet, taken by a privateer, belonging to New-London, off Charles-town bar where they touched, and from whence it was drove among ſeveral others. The privateer afterwards fell a prey to the enemy,

PHILADELPHIA, *Nov.* 25.

On Thurſday laſt a number of perſons, long ſuſpected of carrying on an illicit and dangerous correſpondence with the enemy, (by way of Shrewſbury) and depreciating our money, were apprehended. On their examination before the preſident and vice preſident, invoices of goods brought from New-York, to a great amount, accounts of the ſales of gold and ſilver, rates of depreciation, the routes and ſtages to the ſea ſhore, &c. &c. were found upon them. It appeared alſo, that by theſe means, perſons were conveyed privately to New-York. A new ſcene of villainy, in carrying lumber to New-York, from Egg Harbour and its neighbourhood, was alſo opened.—The following perſons were committed, viz. Patrick Garvy, an aſſiſtant apothecary in the continental ſervice, who owns a part of the boat employed between Squan and New-York; Samuel Clark, an inhabitant of New-Jerſey, living near Prince-town, who has long followed this trade; Joſhua Bunting, whoſe houſe was one of the ſtages; John Cummins, merchant of this city, and Joſeph Grieſweld, partners with Clark; and Joſeph Stanſbury, deeply concerned in the lumber buſineſs.

Wedneſday morning arrived here the ſchooner Buckſkin, captain Perryman, from the Havanna, after a tedious and diſagreeable paſſage of five weeks, having, in a violent gale of wind, been obliged to cut away his main-maſt. Six ſhips of the line, four frigates, and one hundred tranſports, failed on a ſecret expedition from the Havanna a few days before captain Perryman.

Nov. 23. Since our laſt arrived here the brig Fame, captain M'Clenachan, from St. Euſtatia, and ſchooner Emelia, captain Dickenſon, from Cape François; by which veſſels we have a confirmation of the account mentioned in our laſt of a dreadful hurricane having, about the middle of Octobar, ſpread almoſt univerſal devaſtation throughout the Weſt-India iſlands. The moſt particular account we have been able to obtain of this melancholy event is brought by captain Yellet, who arrived at Baltimore on Tueſday laſt from St. Euſtatia: this is but imperfect, but may ſerve to give us ſome ſmall idea of the dreadful ſcenes the unfortunate iſlanders have experienced.—The account is as follows:

St. Euſtatius, October 30.

"At Barbados the greater part of the town blown down; upwards of three thouſand perſons periſhed; not one veſſel ſaved except ſome that got to ſea and a great part of the iſland waſhed away. In Grenada, much damage done to the eſtates; not one veſſel ſaved except ſome that got out to ſea. At St. Vincents a tranſport with three hundred ſoldiers, two ſouls only ſaved; a frigate of 36 guns, three hundred and forty men,

one man ſaved. At Martinico, every veſſel at St. Piere's drove to ſea or on ſhore; ſome of them have got in here, ſome taken, ſome loſt: there were upwards of one hundred ſail at St. Piere's, forty of which arrived from France the day before the gale, with ſtores for the king. At Dominica, much damage to the eſtates, the houſes near the water moſtly ruined. No accounts from St. Lucia, Guadaloupe, or Antigua, but ſuppoſe they have had neighbour's fare. At Nevis no veſſels ſaved, and much damage done to the iſland. At St. Chriſtopher's twenty-ſix ſail of veſſels and their cargoes loſt, with the greateſt part of their crews: ſome of the veſſels were ready to ſail for Europe. In this iſland ſeven veſſels drove aſhore; the men on board were either drowned in the ſurf or cut to pieces with the wrecks; ſome were loſt on St. Croix, ſome got in there, and many, I believe, went to the bottom.—It was the higheſt ſea ever known here."

Saturday night arrived the brigantine Black Prince, captain Robinſon, after a ſhort paſſage, from Amſterdam. By this veſſel we learn, that the parliament of Great Britain had been lately diſſolved; in conſequence an election for new members had taken place, by which the minority, in oppoſition to the meaſures purſued by that court, were thrown out, and a new ſet, perfectly adapted to the taſte of their royal maſter, were placed in their room: that the congreſs of the neutral powers had aſſembled at Peterſburg; and were determined to protect their trade: that the combined fleets of France and Spain, conſiſting of about fifty ſhips of the line, commanded by the count d'Eſtaing, were at ſea, and the Britiſh fleet in port. In our next we hope to give further detail of the advices brought by this veſſel.

HEAD-QUARTERS, Camp, Totowa, Thurſday, November 16, 1780.

THE commander in chief is pleaſed to accept and approve the following report of a court of enquiry, held at Weſt-Point the 2d inſtant, to enquire into the conduct of lieutenant-colonel Varick, in his connexion with the late major-general Arnold, during his command at Weſt-Point, and relative co his deſertion to the enemy.——

Colonel VAN SCHAICK, preſident, Lieutenant-colonels Cobb and Dearbon, major Reid, captain Cox, members.——

The court unanimouſly report their opinion, "That lieutenant-colonel Varick's conduct, with reſpect to the baſe peculations and treaſonable practices of the late general Arnold, is not only unimpeachable, but think him entitled (throughout every part of his conduct) to a degree of merit that does him great honour as an officer, and particularly, diſtinguiſhes him as a ſincere friend to his country."

Extract from general orders,
ALEXANDER SCAMMELL, adj. gen.

THERE is at the plantation of Ignatius Handman, at Newport, in Charles county, a large brindled STEER, marked with a crop and a hole and an under bit in the right ear, and a crop and ſlit in the left. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w

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THERE is at the plantation of John Bruce, near Piſcattaway church, in Charles county, a ſmall black BULL, about three years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a ſwallow-fork in the left. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3w

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Annapolis, Nov. 30, 1780.

GOOD ALLUM SALT to be diſpoſed of in barter for PORK by
3w 2 JAMES WILLIAMS,

TREASURY-OFFICE, Sept. 13, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that bills of credit are now in the office for exchanging the quota of this ſtate of the bills of credit emitted by congreſs, agreeable to an act of the general aſſembly. 10

FOR SALE,

A STRONG healthy NEGRO MAN, 22 years of age, has ſerved 12 years in a merchant mill, and is complete in that buſineſs. No other motive than his having attempted to eſcape to the enemy induces the proprietor to diſpoſe of him. Any perſon deſirous to purchaſe is requeſted to apply to colonel William Fitzhugh, Calvert county. 3

Northumberland county, Virginia, Oct. 24.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber, a mulatto ſlave named John Wiggins, a carpenter and ſawyer by trade, he alſo profeſſes a good deal of the tinkers buſineſs, and to be very ſkilful in horſes and diſeaſes incident thereto; had on when he went away, a pair of white cotton breeches, and white woollen jacket ſtriped with black yarn, what cloaths he carried with him is uncertain; he is a likely fellow, about thirty-nine years old, broad ſquare ſhoulders, and light eyes, about five feet ſix or ſeven inches high, very talkative when intoxicated, which is frequent when he can get liquor; he is ſuppoſed to have gone on board a veſſel belonging to Mr. John Turberville, of Weſtmorland county, which ſet out for Baltimore the day he eloped, and I ſuppoſe intends to paſs as a freeman. I will give fifty pounds reward to any perſon that will ſecure him in gaol and give me the earlieſt information, provided he is out of the ſtate, if in the ſtate, I will reward any perſon genteelly.
2 ELIZABETH KENNER.

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500 CONTINENTAL DOLLARS REWARD.

Greenberry's-point, Oct. 2, 1780.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber, the 2d of July laſt, a negro woman named SUE; ſhe is about forty years of age, very black, and has a wen on her brow by the border of her hair (or wool) the only certain mark to deſcribe her by; as ſhe has a variety of cloaths, among which there is a tartan gown, a white linen ditto, a callico ditto, a ſtriped ſilk jacket, a new country made linſey woolſey jacket and petticoat, with others of country cloth, &c. When ſhe went away, her intention was to go to Holland with a free mulatto named Mark Stubbs, a moſt notorious villain, who intended to paſs her as his wife and free; he went from Baltimore in a ſhip called the Enterprile, and ſhe was diſappointed in her ſcheme by the ſhip not ſtopping at Annapolis; ſhe has ſince, as I am informed, been ſeen and harboured in Annapolis by Mr. Dulany's negroes, and in Baltimore county, between the town and Elk-ridge landing, by ſome free negroes and negroes of Mrs. Owings, who are her brother and daughters; ſhe has been frequently in Baltimore town on Sundays, and at nights at a mulatto woman's houſe named Sal Needam, who lives among the French houſes; ſhe is ſiſter to Stubbs and harbours her. Any perſon who will ſecure her in any gaol in this or any other ſtate ſhall receive the above reward, and if brought home reaſonable charges, paid by
7 DAVID KERR.

Charles county, Auguſt 23, 1780.

BROKE gaol yeſterday evening and made their eſcape, the two following fellows, to wit: A negro man committed to my cuſtody as a runaway, on the 21ſt of July laſt, by the name of GEORGE, the property of John Nelſon, (I have been ſince informed of Frederick county) he is a ſmall fellow, and appears to be young, he is a Guinean, but ſpeaks tolerable good Engliſh, and appears to be very artful and cunning; had on and took with him when he made his eſcape, an old white linen ſhirt, a country linen ditto, a pair ſhort linen breeches, and a felt hat And a negro man named PETER, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams, committed to my cuſtody on the 10th inſt. for poiſoning, he is much ſtricken in years, and talks bad Engliſh; had on a country linen ſhirt, and old country cloth breeches. Whoever apprehends the ſaid negroes, and ſecures them in any gaol, ſo that I get them again, ſhall receive a reward of one hundred and fifty continental dollars for each, or either of them, and all reaſonable charges paid, and if brought home to me, one dollar for every mile above thirty. tf
6 BENJAMIN CAWOOD, jun. ſheriff.

November 13, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the veſtrymen, churchwardens, and other inhabitants of St. Paul's pariſh, in Prince-George's county, intend in due time to prefer a petition to the legiſlature, for the ſupport of the chriſtian religion in that pariſh, for repairing the church, and other parochial charges. 3 8w

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THERE is at the plantation of David Scott, in Anne-Arundel county, a ſmall dark brown horſe, about 12 hands and a half high, has a ſmall white ſpot on his forehead, and a little white on his near hind foot, paces and trots, and about four years old next ſpring, is neither branded or ear-marked. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 2 w3

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE, Nov. 3, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that this committee will ſit at the ſtadt-houſe from 10 o'clock in the afternoon until 5 on each day during the preſent ſeſſion of aſſembly.
4 By order, G. RANKEN, cl. com.

Charles-county, William and Mary pariſh, October 2, 1780.

NOTICE is hereby given, that after due publication of this advertiſement, a petition will be preferred to the general aſſembly of this ſtate, praying that a law may be paſſed, to tax the pariſhoners of the pariſh aforeſaid, for the purpoſe of repairing the glebe houſing.
7 Signed by order of the veſtry, T. HARRIS, regr.

Office for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts.

THE commiſſioners find it neceſſary, for the public ſervice, to give further notice, that the honourable aſſembly, at their March ſeſſion, 1780, enacted a law, entitled "A ſupplement to the act for the aſſeſſment of property," the IVth ſection whereof is as follows:—"*And be it enacted*, That the ſeveral collectors, at the time of ſettlement of their accounts with the commiſſioners of the tax for their county, ſhall account to the ſaid commiſſioners for the treble tax due by law in their counties reſpectively, and the ſaid collectors ſhall pay the treble tax by them collected, or which by law they ought to collect, to the treaſurer of his ſhore, at the time appointed by law for the payment of the public aſſeſſment, and in caſe of default they ſhall be anſwerable for and liable to pay an intereſt of 20 per cent on the ſaid ſums; *and every collector, who hath collected the treble tax, and omitted to pay the ſame into the treaſury, and every collector who by law ought to have collected the treble tax, ſhall be accountable for the treble tax due by law in his county to the commiſſioners for ſtating and ſettling the public accounts.*"—And, whereas the duty enjoined by law on the collectors hath in many inſtances been totally neglected, and in others only in part complied with, the ſeveral collectors will therefore be pleaſed to take notice of the neceſſity there is for making due returns and payments regularly for the future, and that a report of the proceedings on this law will be laid before the honourable aſſembly at their next meeting.

Signed per order
11 T. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Charles county, October 18, 1780.

I HAVE in my cuſtody, committed as a runaway, a negro man named HARRY, who ſays he belongs to Patterſon Fletcher, of Culpepper county in Virginia; he is a ſhort well ſet fellow, about twenty-four years of age, and ſpeaks good Engliſh; had on when brought to gaol, an old white country cloth jacket, and an old pair of country linen trouſers. His maſter is deſired to pay charges and take him away.
5 BENJ. CAWOOD, jun. ſheriff.

THERE is at the plantation of Elizabeth Hall, in Anne-Arundel county, taken up as a ſtray, a ſmall bright bay horſe, about 13 hands high, branded on the near thigh with a ſtrait mark, has ſeveral ſaddle ſpots, and is about 10 years old. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 2w

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THERE is at the plantation of Oliver Carr, near Clifford's ferry, in Prince-George's county, a ſmall ſorrel horſe, three years old, thirteen hands high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, branded upon the near buttock with a fork. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 2

STOLEN out of the houſe of the ſubſcriber on Monday the 20th inſtant, a pair of elegant SHOE BUCKLES, inlaid with gold, of a large ſize, and of the neweſt faſhion. A reward of one thouſand dollars will be given to any perſon who will detect the thief, ſo that he or ſhe may be brought to juſtice.
3 GEORGE MANN.

TAKEN up by William Hocker, at the ſugar-land hundred, in Montgomery county, a ſmall bay or cheſnut ſorrel horſe, about 12 or 13 hands high, appears to be old, has a ſtar in his forehead, and branded on the off ſide of his jaw with a ſwivel ſtirrup. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges. 3 w3

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